

NOTES

The departure of the *Lambton* on her return voyage to New York, yesterday caused the keenest excitement throughout Great Britain. The great liner left her moorings to run the risk of being torpedoed by German submarines before reaching the open ocean. The astounding situation of British shipping around the home ports is a sad demonstration of the gross incapacity of the gross incapacity of the Admiralty. They have utterly failed to make the necessary provision for anything more than the ordinary state of unobstructed navigation by sheer weight of numbers — the German close-formation attack system of fighting. As frequently pointed out in this column the style of fighting which made Britain famous in the seas was bold, aggressive, and original. The fact is that social influence has placed an incompetent and hardheaded politician into the most responsible office in the kingdom, where his personal wealth does have always had more weight than the safety of the nation.

One of the absurdities of the present struggle is the insistence with which the Hun Government is offering the guarantee that such and such things shall or shall not be done.

The Germans have broken absolutely all their promises when it ended their purpose and it is curious that any serious attention should now be given to such a worthless bond as the German word.

The Germanians are trying to persuade the United States to interfere for the liberation of the empty ship *Vittoria*, now held in an English port. They insist that the food that only be used for the civilian population. That of course might be carried out in the future to avoid inconvenience, but it would free a corresponding quantity of some other goods which would go to the army, so that the latter would get exactly the same benefit from the importation, as if there were no restriction.

It remains now to be seen whether the British Government can be frightened by German bluff. The latter has never been remarkable for a consistent foreign policy, but we shall be pretty sure to see it show the white feather this time.

Every step in the war game will now be universal with tragic consequences. The weakling nation in Britain have deprived the country of the power of inflicting decisive blows at the most favorable moment — that is at the commencement of hostilities. The colonial troops, who are certainly in every way superior to the British for colonial war,

would by this time have finished with the German colonies, instead of wasting their time and strength in being outwitted for the European campaign, to which, after all, they can only be carried under the protection of huge convoys that could be much more advantageously employed elsewhere.

The last Canadian expeditionary force has landed in France without mishap. We may expect to hear some stirring accounts of their fine troops, who are distinguished for their disciplined bearing and extraordinary dash.

The great northern French city of Lille is completely isolated from the rest of the world excepting the Hun empire. The inhabitants are forbidden all communication with the outside, but from time to time French aeroplanes drop newspapers in the city, which are picked up and passed from hand to hand. Such is life in a great French city in the twentieth century! The enslavement of Lille is due to the insane and ignorant French socialists who would not permit the expenditure necessary for the proper maintenance of the national army. They now have the ugly shame of seeing how lucratively they have dived over the north of their country to the sea and the Baltic fjords.

The Great Asiatic has ordered that a new attempt be made to take the great Russian city of Warsaw. The immediate object of this fresh effort is the imperative necessity of an important victory before appealing to the country for the new loan of 250,000,000. Two things are pretty certain — the Russians who know how to defend Warsaw and the loan will be even less successful than the last.

The British warships which have paralleled the enemy's movements along the Belgian coast have returned to their duty after short absence, and the Allies' airship fleets have also begun again a period of great activity, by bombarding the Hun fortifications and power stations. If the nation could put a man of sterling ability at the head of its naval department it would speedily reduce the German enterprises to their own territory.

It is now announced that general Gerhardt's offensive deserves every success.

as the Austro German armies have initiated a new attack on Belgrade. Another crushing descent at the hands of the Serbs would place Austria in an exceedingly critical position, and be of great value to the Russians who are fighting against fearful odds in the Carpathians. It would also almost certainly precipitate the entry of Roumania on behalf of the allies, and give us triumphant impetus to Italian desires for revenge on their northern enemies.

El ministro de gobierno de Entre Rios

La sanción del radicalismo al gobierno antecede al hecho de que Anisio Soarez se le oportunamente de ser ministro. En tal cargo se encuentra desde que el viejo Laurenciano figura como primer mandatario de aquella provincia. Y es en su carácter de ministro que ha llegado hoy a esta capital con el propósito de someterse a procedimientos judiciales.

El señor Sagarna pertenece a ese grupo de adversarios del radicalismo que a fuerza de alardear logran sobreponerse a la ingenuidad desprevenida e inermes de los viejos caudillos "almalistas". En de los desprecios del conservatismo, que en su ansia hidrópica de ser algo, jugaron a las fleas negras que se hacían cada vez más numerosas sin presentar cabales directrices. Y actualmente es de los que han traicionado a quienes lo votaron francamente, imponiendo en el gobierno una política absurda, tan funesta y desastrosa, como no lo empleó jamás ninguna oligarquía, provocando así el escándalo cívico que reina en el radicalismo entrerriano desde hace unos meses.

El señor Sagarna, por otra parte, pertenece al orden de los poltrones pretensores. Tiene la pedantería del enciclopedista y la lisa propensión de las tendencias avanzadas. Ambición por un estatista y también un literato, esto es, un Justo y un Orhanarte. Pero espíritu limitado y barroco que Don Quixote analiza con su enciclopedia original. No tiene carácter, al menos su voluntad es la de los femeninos desiertos por el autor del "Abate Col-

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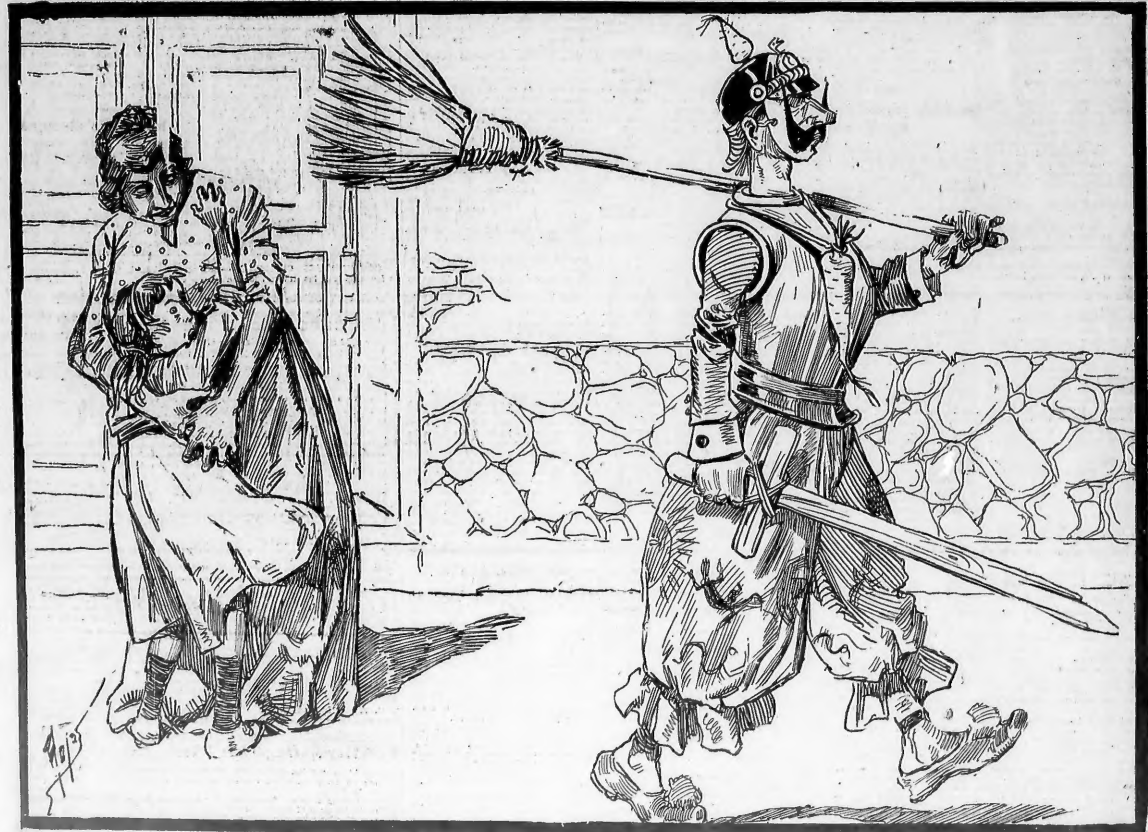
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